

Interview Summary

Application No.
09/661,778

Applicant(s)
Kishi et al.

Examiner
Clark F. Dexter

Art Unit
3724

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Mr. David Cho

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(2) Mr. Clark Dexter

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Date of Interview Apr 14, 2003

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☒ Personal [copy is given to 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: 1

Identification of prior art discussed:

EP 0 956 930 (EP '930)

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Mr. Cho discussed proposed language to distinguish the claimed invention over the prior art, specifically EP '930. Mr. Dexter maintained that EP '930 discloses all of the structure set forth in claim 1 and thus is capable of performing the recited functions. Mr. Dexter suggested adding structure to distinguish the claimed invention; for example, structure corresponding to the switching device that enables the invention to perform the recited functions. Mr. Dexter suggested that further clarifying the structure set forth in claim 2 and incorporating it into claim 1 may be sufficient to distinguish the claimed invention over EP '930.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached

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Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.


Examiner's signature, if required